#### COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY

### BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of:

ASE NO. 2006-00378
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### <u>O R D E R</u>

On December 22, 2005, in Case No. 2005-00042,<sup>1</sup> the Commission approved rates for The Union Light, Heat and Power Company ("ULH&P") and provided for their further adjustment in accordance with ULH&P's gas cost adjustment ("GCA") clause. On April 3, 2006, ULH&P changed its name to Duke Energy Kentucky ("Duke").

On August 9, 2006, Duke filed its GCA to be effective August 29, 2006. Duke previously obtained Commission approval to file its GCA within 20 days of the proposed effective date.<sup>2</sup>

After reviewing the record in this case and being otherwise sufficiently advised, the Commission finds that:

- 1. Duke's notice includes rates designed to pass on to its customers its expected change in wholesale gas costs.
- 2. Duke's Expected Gas Cost ("EGC") is \$9.236 per Mcf, which is an increase of 84.8 cents per Mcf from its previous EGC of \$8.388.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Case No. 2005-00042, Adjustment of the Gas Rates of The Union Light, Heat and Power Company.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Case No. 2003-00386, The Application of The Union Light, Heat and Power Company for Authority to Make Monthly Adjustments to the Expected Gas Cost Component of Its Gas Cost Adjustment Rate, Order dated November 6, 2003.

3. Duke's notice sets out a current refund adjustment ("RA") of (.2) cent per

Mcf. Duke's notice sets out a total RA of (.2) cent per Mcf, which is an increase of .2

cent per Mcf from its previous total RA.

4. Duke's notice sets out a current quarter actual adjustment ("AA") of (37)

cent per Mcf. Duke's notice sets out a total AA of 41.7 cents per Mcf, which is an

increase of 5 cents per Mcf from its previous total AA.

5. Duke's notice sets out a current quarter balancing adjustment ("BA") of 1.9

cent per Mcf. Duke's notice sets out a total BA of 3.2 cents per Mcf, which is an

increase of .9 cent per Mcf from its previous total BA.

6. Duke's gas cost recovery rate ("GCR") is \$9.683 per Mcf, which is an

increase of 90.9 cents per Mcf from its previous GCR of \$8.774.

7. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are fair, just, and reasonable, and

should be approved for final meter readings by Duke on and after August 29, 2006.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. The rates in the Appendix to this Order are approved for final meter

readings on and after August 29, 2006.

2. Within 20 days from the date of this Order, Duke shall file with this

Commission its revised tariffs setting out the rates authorized herein.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2006.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Executive Director

### **APPENDIX**

# APPENDIX TO AN ORDER OF THE KENTUCKY PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION IN CASE NO. 2006-00378 DATED August 28, 2006

The following rates and charges are prescribed for the customers served by Duke Energy Kentucky. All other rates and charges not specifically mentioned herein shall remain the same as those in effect under authority of this Commission prior to the effective date of this Order.

### GAS SERVICE RATES

## RATE RS RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

	Base <u>Rate</u>		Gas Cost <u>Adjustment</u>	Total <u>Rate</u>
Commodity Charge for All Ccf Consumed	\$.26687	plus	\$.9683	\$1.23517
RATE GS GENERAL SERVICE				
	Base <u>Rate</u>		Gas Cost <u>Adjustment</u>	Total <u>Rate</u>
Commodity Charge for All Ccf Consumed	\$.20949		\$.9683	\$1.177790

# RIDER GCAT GAS COST ADJUSTMENT TRANSITION RIDER

The amount of this charge or (credit) shall be \$.04470 per 100 cubic feet. This rate shall be in effect during the months of September 2006 through November 2006 and shall be updated quarterly, concurrent with the Company's GCA filings.